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Hi folks wanted to send along the statement below - which EPA has approved.

“The Lower Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group (CPG), under the supervision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is planning to remove approximately 20,000 cubic yards of contaminated river sediment from the area near River Mile (RM) 10.9 in Lyndhurst.

Last month, we were informed by bridge owners and operators that the Bridge Street Bridge, which runs between Newark and Harrison, was out of commission as a result of damage sustained during Super Storm Sandy.

We reported to you late last month that, since opening this and several other bridges is essential to implementation of this project, there would be a delay in the start of the dredging work, originally scheduled to begin in early July.

We have now been notified of another minor delay in repair of this bridge related to the delivery and installation of new motors. Working in partnership with Hudson and Essex Counties, we expect to mobilize the necessary equipment to initiate the work on the RM 10.9 project during the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 30. With the assistance of Hudson and Essex Counties, the bridge is anticipated to open and close manually to accommodate this mobilization. Work could then begin after mobilization and the first barge containing dredged material would be transported back down river after the bridge is repaired.

We will keep you informed as we receive more information.

In some of our previous communications with the boating community, we had mentioned a plan in case our work was delayed long enough to affect the Head of the Passaic Regatta scheduled for October. We now expect that implementation of this plan will be necessary. As we stated in the Community Health and Safety Plan, which was approved by the EPA, we expect that work will be stopped and project vessels will be secured away from Regatta activities prior to the start of the Regatta.”

In terms of a new date for the CAG tour, I believe we would be ready to do that any time after about August 26. We’ll want some time for the work routine to get established to make sure the tour is as useful to the group as possible. Please let us know a specific date after that that would work for you and then Tony and I will clear it with the team here and, of course, EPA.

Thanks everyone talk to you soon.

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